

Support for the Claim Amendment

The specification sets forth an extensive description of the invention in the new claims. Support for new claims directed to methods of making a non-immunogenic construct comprising at least two copies of an epitope of a T-dependent antigen bound to a non-immunogenic carrier, wherein the non-immunogenic soluble carrier has been subjected to a preparative sizing technique to remove substantially most high molecular weight non-immunogenic soluble carrier molecules before conjugation, or coupling, to two or more of the epitope molecules, is found, *inter alia*, at page 31, line 39 to page 32, line 9. Support for new claims directed to methods of making a non-immunogenic construct comprising at least two copies of an epitope of a T-dependent antigen bound to a non-immunogenic carrier, wherein soluble carrier has been subjected to a preparative sizing technique to remove substantially most high molecular weight immunogenic soluble carrier molecules after conjugation, or coupling, to two or more of the epitope molecules, is found, *inter alia*, at page 31, line 39 to page 32, line 9.

IDS and FORM PTO 1449

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and FORM PTO 1449 filed with the parent application is enclosed herewith.

Sequence Listing as required by 37 CFR §§1.821(c), 1.822 and 1.823

The application has been amended to insert SEQ ID NO.'s into the specification of the application. A RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH SEQUENCE RULES/ REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF SEQUENCE INFORMATION is filed herewith.

Petition to Correct Inventorship under 37 CFR §1.48(b)

James K. Blodgett, John C. Cheronis, and Gary Kirschenheuter have been deleted as co-inventors; these individuals were co-inventors solely on claims pertaining to chemically-derivitized suppressing constructs (originally filed claims 20-23, 25, 33, 36, and 39-43) which, after entry of the instant amendment, will be no longer pending in the present application. A Petition to Correct Inventorship under 37 CFR §1.48(b) is being filed with this amendment.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and the instant amendment, it is believed that the all claims pending in this application (after entry of the instant amendment) are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for submission of this amendment. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 06-1050. Please credit any overpayments to the above-noted Deposit Account.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (858) 678-5070.

Respectfully submitted,

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